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ELECTROCHEMILUINESCENT PROBE ASSAY**
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37 C.F.R. 1.116 RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

This is being filed in response to the final Office Action mailed December 27, 2002 ("Office Action"). A Petition For Three Months Extension Of Time has been filed concurrently to extend the time for filing a response from March 27, 2003 to June 27, 2003. Therefore, this Amendment is timely filed. Furthermore, a Notice Of Appeal has also been filed to preserve the pendency of this case as this Response is being considered.